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ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM UN

1. SUMMARY. AT JULY 27 PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE LEAVING KHARTOUM, EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT SAID THAT: (A) US, AS PROVIDER OF ARMS TO ISRAEL, MUST BE CENTRAL FACTOR IN ME CONFLICT SETTLEMENT; (B) ISRAELI PRESENCE AT UN SERVES ARAB CAUSE MORE THAN EXPULSION; AND (C) GENEVA CONFERENCE IS INEVITABLE STEP. FOLLOWING REMARKS ARE AS QUOTED BY SUDAN NEWS AGENCY. END SUMMARY.

2. ON THE ROLE OF THE US, SADAT SAID: "I DIFFER WITH THOSE WHO SAY THAT AMERICA HASN'T GOT THAT MUCH INFLUENCE IN THIS CONFLICT. I DECLARED IN 1974, AT THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES, THAT IT WAS NOT A DISENGAGEMENT WITH ISRAEL, BUT ONE WITH
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AMERICA. THEREFORE, AMERICA IS THE BASIC UNIT IN THE STRUGGLE.

AMERICA PROVIDES ISRAEL WITH FOOD, PLANES, TANKS AND MACHINE GUNS. IF WE IGNORE ALL THESE, THEN WE ARE IGNORING A BASIC FACT IN THE STRUGGLE. WHETHER WE AGREE OR DISAGREE, AMERICA HAS AN INFLUENTIAL ROLE AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE NEGOTIATING WITH AMERICA."

3. ASKED ABOUT QUESTION OF ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM UN, SADAT REPLIED: "I WOULD LIKE TO BE FRANK WITH YOU. IF WE DEMAND THAT ISRAEL ADHERE TO THE UN, THEN IT MUST MAINTAIN ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION. WHAT WE ARE DEMANDING AT PRESENT IS THAT IF ISRAEL DOES NOT COMMIT ITSELF TO THESE RESOLUTIONS AND JEOPARDIZES CHANCES FOR PEACE, THEN WE CLING TO ITS EXPULSION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. BUT AS YOU HAVE SAID, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT ITS PRESENCE IN THE ORGANIZATION SERVES OUR CAUSE MORE THAN ITS EXPULSION."

4. ON THE PLACE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, SADAT SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT A CONFERENCE MAY BE NECESSARY ONLY TO ENDORSE A SETTLEMENT REACHED ELSEWHERE: "THE PEACE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IS AN INEVITABLE STEP BECAUSE PEACE CANNOT BE MAINTAINED UNLESS ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED ARE THERE TO DISCUSS THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND AGREE UPON IT."
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